

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, March 27, 1746.

Since our last arrived a Holland Mail.

*From the London Gazette, March 22.
Vienna, March 19.*

A Courier is just arrived from Count Brown, who has sent a Billet he just received from Prince Lichtenstein, with Advice of the Surrender of Asti with 5000 French Prisoners of War, 400 Officers, and 6 General Officers; and that the three Battalions blocked up at Monte Calvi, were upon the Point of surrendering, while Count Brown had by his Parties taken above 800 Prisoners on the other Side of the Po; and that the Spaniards were preparing to retire in Haste from Milan.

Hague, March 29. The Head of the first Column of Austrians from Bohemia, consisting of the Regiments of Bentheim and Ghylani, arrive as this Day, the former at Diest, the latter at Pirlemont. The three Squadrons of Horse Guards march out of this Place to Morrow Morning for Breda, to put themselves under the Orders of the Prince of Waldeck, whither all the Troops the States can gather together are likewise repairing. General Molke is come over hither to meet Marshal Bathiani, who is expected here from Day to Day. The French Letters bring nothing material to Day, beyond the Confirmation of the Return of most of the Transports with the Irish Troops on board, into the Harbours of Ostend and Dunkirk.

Penryn in Cornwall, March 17. Last Thursday the Saltash and Warren Privateers fell in with a Fleet of small Vessels, which were lying at Anchor near Port Louis, laden mostly with Stores, particularly Timber for Ship-building, for the Service of the French King. There were about 30 of them together, with an arm'd Vessel, which served as Convoy to them. The Privateers above-mentioned attacked them, the one on one Side of the Fleet, and the other on the other Side, so successfully, that they brought off five of them, viz. four of the Store-ships, and the arm'd Vessel which mounted 10 Guns, and which, with two of the said Ships, was this Evening brought into this Harbour by the two Privateers that took them, and two others are behind, which they parted from last Night, but are in hourly Expectation of. Sixteen of the others were driven ashore by them, which they despairing of getting off, endeavoured to destroy, and did actually burn two, as they would have done the rest; but a Man of War of considerable Force coming out of the Port, obliged them to make off as fast as they could for their own Security. There were so few Men on board the Prizes, by reason of their lying so near the Shore, and making their Escape upon the Approach of the Saltash and Warren, that they have brought in only two Men Prisoners.

Whitehall, March 21. An Express which came in Yesterday from his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, brought the following Advices.

Aberdeen, March 14. Our Apprehensions about Fort Augustus were well grounded, for we have now pretty certain Intelligence, that it has fallen into the Rebels Hands, and that the Garrison, consisting of three Companies of Guise's Regiment, are Prisoners of War. We do not know how they defended themselves, as we have not had any Notice of what passed, either from Major Wentworth who commanded, or any Officer in the Garrison. The Rebels are laying in their Magazines and Stores there, and have actually blown up Fort George, in doing which they have blown up their chief Engineer Colonel Grant. The Precautions we have taken for the Security of Fort William, will probably become of immediate Use, as our Accounts from the Rebels, thro' the Hills, assure us, they have actually invested that Place. We are however assured, that they cannot cut off our Communication with that Place by Sea. Fifty Men of Guise's, who had been gathered together under the Command of the Captain Lieutenant at Edinburgh, will by this time be arrived at Dun Staffage, from whence they can throw themselves into Fort William at one Tide. Some other Troops have been also ordered thither.

All the Advantages the Rebels will have gained by taking Fort George and Fort Augustus, and the Retreat of Lord Loudoun, will be drawing the Seat of the War into the Hills, and protracting it a little time; and the only Junction they have gained there, is some few of the Mackenzies, headed by the Lady Seaforth, but the Lord of that Name is with Lord Loudoun, as is Mr. Mackintosh, whose Wife is likewise in the Rebellion.

By putting all the Intelligence we have together, it seems pretty clear, there are few or none of the Clans now in Murray, or on this Side the Country; and that all they have on the Spey, and which they have made this Shew with, are the Lowlanders, and the great Part of the French.

Major General Bland marched two Days ago to Inverury and Old Meldrum, on march towards the Spey, with the Royal's, Barrel's, Price's and Cholmondeley's, Kingston's Horse, and Cobham's Dragoons. He has the Campbells before him, with the Laird of Grant, and 100 of his Followers.

We have just had Notice from Stonehive, that a Dogger with some other Vessels have appeared off the Coast, which they take to be French.

Fort William, March, 4. We have Advice here, that a Party of the Rebels, amounting to 1000 Men, is at Glenavis within two Miles of us, and that their Train of Artillery is to be To-morrow at Highbridge, which is 6 Miles from this Fort. We have heard of the taking of

Fort Augustus, and expect to be attacked, but Governor Campbell is determined to defend the Place to the utmost of his Power. For some Days past there have been some small Parties of Rebels posted on each Side the Narrows of Carron, in which, on Saturday last, they took one of the Boats belonging to the Baltimore Sloop, as she was coming from Scalloway Bay, and sent the Crew Prisoners to their Head Quarters. As soon as we had Intelligence of this Accident, a Council was called, consisting of Land and Sea Officers, and a Resolution taken to send a strong Party to dislodge the Rebels. In Consequence thereof, early this Morning Captain Askew of the Serpent Sloop sent his Boat with 27 Men in it, another Boat of the Baltimore's with 24 Men, and a Boat belonging to Fort William with 20, down the Narrows, where they all arrived by Day-light. Captain Askew's Men landed first, and were immediately attacked by a Party of 80 Rebels, who fired upon them, but without doing them any Damage; and upon the rest of the Men belonging to the Boats coming up, the Rebels fled. Our People pursued them, burnt the Ferry-houses on both Sides of the Water, and a little Town with about 12 Houses in it, a Quarter of a Mile distant from the Ferry-house on the North Side, and destroyed or brought off all their Boats. Two of the Rebels were killed in this Affair, and several wounded. It was very lucky that our Boats went down as they did, for there was a Boat with a Party of Militia in it, that was coming hither from Stalker Castle, which would probably have fallen into the Hands of the Rebels, but for the Skirmish before mentioned.

Dunstaffnage, March 6. It was expected that the Rebels would have got their Guns up to Fort William last Night.

Ellanstalker Castle, March 7. Yesterday Capt. Frederick Scott came hither from Dunstaffnage, but could not get any farther, the Rebels having guarded both Sides of the Narrows of Carron for two Miles on this Side Fort William. Last Night our Centries saw several Lights, which they conclude belong to the Rebel Parties marching towards Fort William from Strath Appin, which is near the Rock on which this Castle stands, and Appin House not a Mile from this.

Edinburgh, March 15. The Prince of Hesse has been reconnoitring by Dunkeld and Taymouth. We have Advice from Glasgow of the 14th, that a Party of the Rebels had invested Fort William.

From Wye's Letter, London, March 22.

The Lord's Yesterday read a first Time the Bill more effectually to prevent profane Curling and Swearing.

The Commons on the Supply came to the following Resolutions, viz. That 200,000 l. be granted to make good his Majesty's Engagements with the King of Sardinia, also 24,299 l. to the Elector of Cologne, and 8620 l. to the Elector of Mentz.

This Morning a large Quantity of Scarlet Cloth was seized at Gravesend on board the East India Company's Ships, the same being prohibited on account that the same were not exported by the Company. The above Cloth was artfully concealed in several Hampers.

From the London Evening Post, March 22.

Dusseldorp, March 22. Letters from the Moselle bring,

that the French were making great Preparations of War in those Parts, where they have formed Magazines for the Subsistence of a very large Army. They give out that before the 15th of next Month, they shall have more than 50,000 Men in the Field, who are to go upon some important Expedition.

Paris, March 21. 'Tis observed, That the Conferences between Count Wassenauer and our Ministers, are not so frequent as they were before he dispatched his last Courier to the Hague. It's whisper'd, that the Proposal which he made for a Suspension of Arms has been rejected, but that the Neutrality of the Austrian Netherlands has been proposed to him, in Consideration of which, the King is to give up all the Conquests which he has made there during the present War, and will afterwards treat of the Points necessary for the holding of Congress.

The Count Fitz-James, &c. who were taken Prisoners by the English, are expected here from Dunkirk, where they arrived on the 15th, on their Parole.

Brussels, March 24. Letters from Dunkirk advise, That a fresh Embargo was laid on all foreign Ships in the Ports of Picardy and Normandy; that Preparations were making there for an Embarkation of Troops, and that a great Number of Casks were preparing, but for what Use was not publickly known.

Brussels, March 26. According to Advices from Charleroy, the Regiment of Stolberg, which was in Garrison there, has received Orders to be in Readiness to reinforce that of Luxembourg. The Roads are so bad from the great Quantity of Snow which has fallen lately, that 'tis thought the Troops that are expected in these Parts cannot arrive till next Month.

L O N D O N, March 22.

Thursday Night there was a Meeting of the Merchants at the Crown Tavern behind the Royal-Exchange, to receive the Report of their Committee; after which a Motion was made, that a Sum of Money should be employed to erect the Statue of Sir John Bernard on the Royal Exchange, for which they resolv'd to make Application to the Mercers Company and the City, to have Leave for the same; which was unanimously agreed to.

Yesterday the Commissioners of the Excise appointed several Officers to survey the Glass-Houses, agreeable to the late Act, which commences on Tuesday next.

This Week her Grace the Dutchess of Roxburgh was safely deliver'd of a Daughter, at her House in Hanover-Square.

Yesterday Morning an Express arrived at the Admiralty-Office from Falmouth, with an Account that the King George Packet, Lovel, from Lisbon, was safely arrived in that Port. She having been missing several Days high Insurances had been given upon her; and yesterday, just before her Arrival was known in the City 50 Guineas Insurance was given upon her. She has on board, besides the Lisbon Mail, very valuable Effects.

The Jane, Jenkins, from Ireland from Lisbon, is taken and carry'd into Bilbao by a Spanish Privateer of great Force.

The Earl of Derby, Penkett, from Liverpool for Jamaica, is carried into Nantz.

The Thomas, Williams, from Bristol to Jamaica, was lately lost at the Leeward Islands.

Bank Stock Book shut. Ditto Permits 16 1 half Prem.
India Stock 156 1 half. South Sea Stock 90 1 half.

From the St. James's Evening Post, March 22.

Paris, March 14 O. S. It's assured, that since the Arrival of the last Couriers from Italy, Orders have been given for a Body of 20,000 Men to march into Italy, 6000 whereof will be drawn from Provence, and the rest from Franche Comte. And it is pretended the King has sent Orders to Marshal Maillebois, to give the King of Sardinia Battle as soon as a favourable Opportunity offer'd.

Newport, March 15 O. S. It's not yet known what will be done with the Captains of the Privateer Transports, who returned from the Coast of Scotland without landing their Men, and who are under Arrest at Dunkirk. There is yet much Talk of the Preparations making at the Ports of Boulogne and Calais for a considerable Embarkation, which we are told will sail for Scotland, under Convoy of the Britt Squa'ron.

Milan, March 1. O. S. The Spaniards have sent the Artillery, which was destined for the Siege of our Citadel, back to Pavia, and they have begun to pack up the Effects of the Infant Don Philip.

Extract of a Letter from a foreign Minister at Paris, dated March 18.

A few Days ago two grand Conferences were held at Versailles, in the Presence of the King, at both which Cardinal Tencin assisted. The Subjects of them were, the further Operations in the Netherlands, and the Affairs of the Pretender in Scotland. In Relation to the first Point, it was proposed to besiege Mons before Antwerp, to the End that his Majesty might, wit out Interruption, form the Siege of the latter in Person, when the Army shall be fully assembled, and would then have no Enemy at its Back. In Regard to the second Point, concerning the Pretender's Affairs in Scotland, Cardinal Tencin could not forbear discovering an unusual Warmth, and shewing great Dissatisfaction, that the Succours which were intended to be sent Prince Edward were not gone, without waiting, as they had done, for the Spanish Squadron. He said, that for want of these Assurances, his Affairs had been much prejudiced, and would be irreparable, if the Expedition against England was any longer deferred: That the King had Troops enough, as well in Flanders, as on the Side of Germany, to ward off any Blow that might be given in either of those Parts: And that it was chiefly necessary always to have in View, what he had frequently declar'd, (namely) that the Fate of England would absolutely determine that of Europe.

LONDON, March 22.

Yesterday three Expresses arrived from Holland which occasioned an extraordinary Council at St. James's.

On Thursday in the Evening, a Person, lately brought from the North, was committed to the Tower under a strong Guard.

EDINBURGH, March 27.

Extract of a Letter from Perth, March 21.

On Sunday last, betwixt 12 at Night and Monday Morning, a Party of the Rebels, said to be about 1500, came down on the Campbells of Argyleshire, took a

great many of them Prisoners, wounded several, and killed 4 or 5 of them. The Campbells were at three different Places, and were surrounded by the Rebels, before the Centry could give the Alarm, by discharging his Musket. Some of them escaped on Monday by Day-light, and travelled four Miles from the Place, coming up with us, who had a Design to have lyen at one of these Places on Sunday Night, but happily went further; one of them was wounded in many Parts of his Body.

P. S. March 22. The Rebels, we are informed, were within five Miles of this Place last Night, at Lord Nairn's House; but we hear they are gone towards the Picquet Guard of the Hessians, which consists of 1000 Men and their Hussars. — 'Tis said the King's Troops in the Castle of Blair, and at the Bridge of Aberfeldy, still hold out, and are resolved to defend themselves to the utmost. — Colonel York is just arrived here from Aberdeen, who advises that there had been a Skirmish betwixt the advanced Guards of the King's Army and about 7 or 800 of the Rebels, at a Village called Keith, about 24 Miles from that Place, in which a considerable Captain of the Rebels fell.

Extract of a Letter from Aberdeen, March 24.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland still continues here with five Regiments of Foot, and we are still expecting Blyth's by Sea, and some more by Land. Four more Regiments followed the Brigade under General Bland, who advanced to Strathbogy upon the 17th, and dislodged the Rebels. John Roy-Stuart a Captain of the Rebels, was shot by one of the Duke of Kingston's light Horse, and within a little died of his Wound. — Betwixt the 20th and 21st there was a Scuffle at the Town of Keith, above Strathbogy, betwixt some of the Campbells, with Kingston's Horsemen, as an advanced Guard, and 6 or 700 of the Rebels, but cannot at present condescend upon Particulars. — On the 22d Blakeney's Regiment marched for Peterhead, in order to seize the Swedish Officers, who were reported to have landed there. — Yesterday about 300 Men came to this Place by Land, belonging to different Regiments; and the Transports with Provisions, &c. arrive daily in our Harbour. — This Morning the Earl of Albemarle marched Northward, and his Royal Highness the Duke, with the five remaining Regiments, was to have set out this Day by 5 o'Clock in the Morning; but the Badness of the Weather, or something else which I know not, has detained him. I hear he is to march to Morrow, or next Day at farthest.

There is Advice, that 70 of the Argyleshire-men and 30 of the Duke of Kingston's light Horse, had been detached by General Bland to harra'ss the Rebels in their Retreat from Strathbogy, with Orders to return that Night. That after the Pursuit they took up their Quarters in the Town of Keith at Night, and were surrounded and taken Prisoners by the Rebels before next Day.

We hear that St. George's Dragoons at Crief, Hamilton and Na'zon's Dragoons at Bridge of Earn, and 4000 Hessians from Perth, were all in Motion on Monday Afternoon.

From Dunkeld, that there had been about 100 of the Rebels at that Place, but, upon hearing that the Hessians were advancing, had retired to Blair of Atrole, which



Place was still holding out, but, it was thought, would be obliged to surrender, if not speedily relieved by the Hessians.

This Morning four Surgeon Lads (who had attended the Rebels in their Expedition into England, and had been Prisoners in the Castle for some Time) were sent to London under a Guard.

Leith, March 26. Arrived the Triton of Hull, Chalmers, the Hampton Court of Lynn, Spright, the Sarah of Stockton, Wharton, all with Corn; the Batchelor of Northberwick, Mackenzie, from Newcastle with Flower, Pease, Shoes, and other Stores for the Army; the Elizabeth of Dundee, Scott, from London with Hops, Soap, Sugars, &c. the Robert of and from London, Keal, with Limons, Spirits, Beer-ager, &c. the Alida Maria of and from Rotterdam, Vandervarf, with Limons and Lint-feed; the Eleanor, Watson, from Philadelphia with 630 Hogsheds of Lint-feed; the Blessed of and from London, Windfor, with Limons, Oranges, and other Goods; and the Providence of Kinghorn, Tosh, from Ailmouth with Oats.

☉ This Day, the 17th Day of the Moon, it is high Water at Leith, Forenoon, at 3 o'clock, 30 M. Afternoon, at 3, 54 M. Friday, Forenoon, at 4, 18 M. Afternoon, at 4, 42 M. Saturday, Forenoon, at 5, 6 M. Afternoon, at 5, 30 M.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

To be SOLD by Roup, at the House of Alloa, on Thursday the 3d of April next,

Several MILK-CONS of the best Kinds, a Two-year old BULL, several QUEYS, some last Years CALVES, and OXEN ready for killing; also some six Year-old WEDDERS, and WORK-HORSES, with BREWING and MILK-LOOMS, &c. — Also the same Day and Place will be SETT by Roup the GRASS INCLOSURES, called the *Easter and Wester-Inches*, with the *Bastocks and Kilncrofts*. For further Particulars enquire at John Thomson Writer in Edinburgh, to be got Notice of at the Laigh Coffee-house there, or at Baillie John Erskine at Alloa.

To be exposed to Sale by publick Roup, on Wednesday first, at 3 o'clock Afternoon, in John's Coffee house, Edinburgh, jointly or separately, as Offerers appear,

The FIRST STORY of Bayne's Land in Blackfriars Wynd, Edinburgh: As also these Parts of Boyd's Land at the Head of Chalmers's Close, Edinburgh, presently possessed by James Gordon Saddler, Adam Anderson Wig-maker, and Robert Wood Trunk-maker, with the little Shop below Mr. Gordon's Stair.

The Progress of Writs and Conditions of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of John Flockhart Writer in Edinburgh.

Just arrived at the Port of Leith from Philadelphia directly,

A Cargo of FLAX-SEED of the Crop 1745, to be sold by NEIL MACVICAR Merchant in Edinburgh. — Samples of the Seed may be seen at his Shop in the Lawn-market, and at the Weigh-house in Leith.

☿ That upon Wednesday the 2d Day of April next, the GRASS INCLOSURES at NEWBYTH, four Miles North-east of Haddington, consisting of upwards of 200 Acres; Are to be SETT in Grass for one or more Years.

There is also to be sold there a Parcel of FIR-TREES fit for making Couples, and other Materials for Houses. Enquire at Robert Hogg at Newbyth.

45+ Such of the Creditors of the deceased Robert Bontein of Millhovan as have heritable Security upon the Lands of Balgla's, the Property of the also deceased Margaret Bontein his Wife, are desired to give in to Alexander Cunningham Writer in Edinburgh, without Delay, a full Copy of the Lands upon which their Debts are secured, with an exact List of the Debts, Principal, Annualrent, Expences of Diligence, as they amount to at Whitsunday next, that proper Measures may be taken for their Payment.

To be exposed to Sale by publick Roup within the House of William Cairns Forrester at Pancaitland-Wood, upon Tuesday the 15th Day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon,

A large Parcel of WOOD, consisting mostly of Oak, with some Ash, Birch, &c. being Part of Sir Robert Sinclair of Stevenston his Wood at Pancaitland, lying in the Parish of Pancaitland, in the County of Haddington. — Any Person that inclines to view the same, may call for the said William Cairns, in whose Hands, and in the Hands of Patrick Watson Servant to the said Sir Robert Sinclair at Stevenston, the Articles of Roup are to be seen.

To be SETT and entred to at Whitsunday next,

The FARM of GLENDINNING, in the Parish of Westerkirk and Shire of Drumfries; it keeps 5400 Sheep to the Master, besides paying the Servants Wages, 20 Milch Cows and 8 Horses, and faws betwixt 30 and 40 Teviotdale Bolls of Oats, Bear and Pease. Any Person who has a Mind to treat for the said Farm, may send their Proposal to the Proprietor Sir James Johnson or to his Lady at Westerhall, or to Ronald Crawford Writer to the Signet, who has Power to agree with any Person for the same.

N. B. There is a very good House and Office-houses lately built.

To be exposed to Sale by way of publick Roup in John's Coffee-house, upon Thursday the 3d of April next, between the Hours of 3 and 4 Afternoon,

A FORE SHOP, DWELLING-HOUSE, large CELLAR, GARRET, and little SHOP, lying opposite to the Tron-Church, late the Property of Baillie Fenton, and possessed by him and his Widow now deceased. The Progress and the Conditions of the Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Andrew Chalmer Writer, at his House opposite to the Guard, who will commune with any Person that has a Mind to purchase before the Day of the Roup. The Conditions are also to be seen in the Hands of Paul Hubbard Merchant, at his Shop opposite to the Tron-Church; and he will shew the Premises to any Person on a Call.

N. B. Any who have Demands on the Effects of Baillie Fenton or his Relict, are desired immediately to give in Notes of the Extent, and Vouchers, to the foresaid Mr. Hubbard.

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